GREAT STRUGGLE AROUND MUKDEN

Correspondent With Kuroki's Army Tells Story of the Japanese Victory.

THE RUSSIANS FOUGHT WELL

Stubbornly Defended Lines, But Were Out-Generaled by Oyama's Men.

HEADQUARTERS OF GENERAL KUROKUS ARMY, NEAR TIEHLING PASS, MANCHURIA, March 13.-The combination of the most efficient staff mastery of Manchuria. Again the Russians, gave a splendid exhibition of the old school of fighting. They were courold school of fighting. They were couragrous beyond criticism, and stubbornly defended their lines, but in generalship and the employment of more modern methods, the Japanese surpassed them. Their retreat began in as good order that they from Liao Yang, but when the soldiers realized that they were being surrounded it became a panic with incidents which must have been humiliating to the officers.

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The battle, like Liao Yang, had for the Japanese some days of suspense, when it appeared doubtful if the Russians could be forced from their positions. It was full of surprises, and the climax, when Kurokl's soldiers, who, judged by all standards, should have been completely exhausted from ten days of fighting and exposure, marched rapidly north in a thick sand storm and appeared across the Tichling Road beyond Mukden, was a decisive surprise. The Russians about Mukden had delayed their retreat two long. Only on the 8th Kuropatkin appears to have realized the danger and warned foreign officers and correspondwarned foreign officers and correspond-ents to leave. Those who started that

warned foreign officers and correspondents to leave. Those who started that day are yet with the Russian army but the others who delayed until the 16th were captured.

The Russian soldlers expected victory. They were told that the Russians were winning along the Shaho and Fushun. When the soldlers found the enemy approaching from every side, ignorant peasants, deluded with tales of Japanese atrocties, they scattered and fied like sheep, and being surrounded surrendered in squads to unarmed Japanese transport men and coolies, begging not to be massacred. Many have been hiding about the country inside the Japanese lines and now driven by cold and hunger are coming into the camps. Corpses of Russians and even Japanese lie unburied away from the roads where they were not noticed or were passed over by the army in its hurried advance, and no doubt numbers of wounded, who were not discovered, died from axposure.

Beginning of the Battle.

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Kuropatkin mistook this contingent for the Port Arthur veterans, and paid it the compliment of arraying a great bey of his best organizations against it. Thus he was able to check its advance with strong entrenchments on the hills south of the town of Bagantan, fifteen miles southeast of Fushun, for several days, and prevent it from flanking the body of Linevitch's army. Along the Shahe the Japanese armies were the same organizations, although with greatly changed personnel and altered in details, that met the Russians at Liao Yang. Two divisions of Kuroki's army were sent eastward as soon as the battle begun—indeed, they were on the march before the opening of the bombardment—to co-operate with the right army. There was a break of almost twenty miles in the line between the easternmost division and others at one time, and the ground was

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APENTA

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duy, the 26th of February. The left army was then started on their march across the Hun to Mükken, but the right army had not advanced as far as had been expected. The Japanese generals, however, were confident of victory. No army fould have gone into battle with better spirits. Almost every possible preparation had been made, every man realized that the crucial stage of the entire war ind arrived, and all had confidence in the leaders. On Sunday morning, General Kuroki, with his staff, which included Prince Kuni and the young Marquis Salga, ascended a small mountain to Witesan, which was one of the hills nearest the Shabo held by the Japanese, but the day was cloudy and soon after noon when only a few guns had been fired, a heavy snow-storm descended upon the hill-top and cut off the view of the river, so that the bomburdment was reluciantly abandened. This mountain held the generals' conning tower thoughout the battle until the Russians retired from the river. There the officers stood at a great telescope or sat around charcoal fires, while snow-storms and sandstorms swopt by in ley blasts and Russian shoils bursting about the batteries on the lower hills at either side and upon Witesan. A cluster of wires connecting with the divisions, with the artillery commanders' directing the fire from other hills and with the headquarters, Marshai Oyama, was focussed at the rocky peak, and the tinkle of the infantry at the front were concealed in the earth, huts and burrows on the slopes behind their trenches. The artillery fire was neither as heavy nor as continuous as slong the lines to the west, where the big guns were plantes. The Japanese soldem engaged their full strength, and there were few exhibitions of such rapid fire as was displayed at Liano Yang. Closs by Wilesan the Japanese had two batteries of captured Russian guns, which nearly exhaustes do the battle was finished, but when the Kussians retreated the jatieries wont forward toward Tehling confident that they would get a new supply. inished, but when the August 1 toward Tich the hatteries went forward toward Tich ling confident that they would get a new

Terrible Ordeal.

During the night of Thursday and early morning of Friday the infantry began to play the leading part in the battle before Witesan, and from that time until the Russians raised a white flag to ask for an armistice on the afternoon of Tuesday, the seventh, they successfully endured an ordeal that has few counterparts in the listory of battles. Two brigades crossed the river Thursday night and drove the Russian advance line from the first trenches at the foot of the hills by one of the night russes with the bayonets which the Japanese army has successfully attempted so often during this war, contrary to the text-books of the best European theorist, striday morning they were arrayed at the foot of the hills, which were the Russian defenses of the mally line, and some detachments were part way up the slopes. There was sharp fighting during the day, in which the Japanese made further advances and planted themselves along a line two miles long, facing the Russian trenches, and in few places only a few yards distant. They got little further in the next four days, but they held their line, and under difficulties which made it seem impossible. Terrible Ordeal.

Swept by Artillery.

Two days after the contingents of General Kuroki's left division had secured their foothold across the Shaho, the center division, which had been meeting a strong opposition beyond the bend of the river, east, in a very mountainous tract, also swung over. The plan was for them to cross when the other division did, but the Russians in front of them were too strong. Their experience was almost the same as that of the left division. They found the approaches to the Russian trenches bristling with wire barriers, with pitfalls, and all the devices which the Russians have learned to employ against night attacks. Nevertheless their night advance to the first line was successful, and then, like the left division, they stuck like leeches to the lower slopes day and night, while the Russians made fierce attempts to shake them off. The right division had a very hard fight, leasting from the first of March until the morning of the seventh, at Ofuray, several miles northeast and almost south of Fushun, in their attempt to turn the Russian flank there in co-operation with the Yalu army further to the east. The mountains had steep slopes and pointed summits with several rows of entrenchments, while the Russians were equipped with many machine guns. The country was such that the Japanese could not advance in large bodies, and must go Swept by Artillery. between the easternmost division and others at one time, and the ground was covered only by cavalry brigade and some infantry reserves. The division encountered the same experience which beful the Yalu force, and the town of Shateray, in the mountains northeast of Witesan, was its stumbling block. There was also an interval-left uncovered of some miles west of Witesan, between Kuroki's left and the right of another army, General Kuroki kept several battalions in reserve to meet an attack at that point, but the expected attack was never delivered. Afterward it was learned that the Russian line was equally weak along that stretch of the river, and the Russians were wondering why the Japanese did not strike them there.

As the attack upon Mukden progressed one army drew away from the Shaho to the north to co-operate with the one flanking Mukden and the Japanese con the south had a great space to cover, but plenty of artillery to engage the enemy. The hattle on the south line was practically a dendock until line was practically a dendock until line Russians were ordered to retire for the defense of Mukden. The Japanese policy was to hold and engage the Russians along the Shaho, while their flanking armies were pushed forward.

Japanese Bombardment.

The Japanese Bombardment of the Russian positions was fixed to begin on Sun- than positions was fixed to begin on Sun-

MONTREAL, May 16.—The question as to whether Extradition Commissioner Lafontaine has jurisdiction to hear and decide the Gaynor-Greene case, and which the court of appeals in Quebec decided was out of its power to pronounce on, was presented to the full bench of the Court of Kings bench in appeal to-day. Decision was reserved.

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has not been properly filtered and purified, is also full of these germs and microbes, and as we daily breathe and drink millions of these into the system, to be absorbed by the blood, the Fever, caused by Malaria in my system, and each entire body begins to feel the effects of the poison. The finally my physician prescribed S. S. S. It entirely cured me; I have never been troubled since, but when the blood is thoroughly saturated with the poison it becomes so weak and polluted that abscesses, carbuncies, boils, sores, ulcers and other

but when the blood is thoroughly saturated with the poison it becomes so weak and polluted that abscesses, carbuncles, boils, sores, ulcers and other skin diseases result. Malaria also affects the liver, kidneys, bowels and stomach, producing a chronic state of biliousness that often results in jaundice or some malignant fever. In cases of Malaria the blood must be purified before the body can regain its natural health. S. S. S. contains purifying and tonic properties possessed by no other blood medicine, and is the ideal remedy for the treatment of Malaria. It destroys the germs of the disease and builds up the weakened, polluted circulation. It enters into the blood and forces out every particle of poison and waste matter and adds strength and activity to it.

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AT ART EXHIBIT

Time.

Guests last evening at No. 11 West Mair Street, where the exhibition of paintpices of the Richmond, Art Club, wil H. Dooley, president; Mrs. M. C. Patterson, vice-president, and Miss Elizabeth Rodman Selden, Admiral Harrie Webster Mrs. George Ben Johnston, Miss Mary Nora Houston, Miss Bessle Hammond Nora Houston, Miss Bessle Hammond, Mr. Dugald Walker, Miss Talinforro, Mr. A. B. Clark, Mrs. John D. Clothler and Miss Emma Whitfield and Mrs. B. Lorralne.

Vamishing night brought together patrons, guarantors and members of the club in general.

The rooms were most tastefully decorated with nalms nink and white peonles.

rated with palms, pink and white peonies, laurel blossoms and pink carnations. At the table where ices and cake were served

laurel blossoms and pink carnations. At the table where lees and cake were served by Misses Nora Houston, Julia Wooldridge, Miss Ream, Miss Bensley, Misses Clark and others, under the direction of Mrs. B. Lorraine, a great cluster of the darkest red rosses were placed.

In spite of the storm the rooms were filled with groups of guests, pausing in front of the pictures and discussing the comparative merit of different canvasses. Miss Tallaferro, the class director of the Richmond Art School, showed the greatest possible pride and interest in the work of her class that was hung in the gallery back of the parlors.

A group of miniatures painted by Mrs. Preston-Preston, of New York, was hung in the small parlor to the left entrance and exitted much admiring attention. A portrait painted by Mr. William L. Sheppard was very fine, as were several other examples from his brush.

Miss Adele Williams displayed a beautiful water color in oils and a number of exquisite water colors. A portrait by Miss Katherine McIntyre reflected great credit on her well known ability.

Among those who came in to make the round of the salon were: Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Glasgow. Mr. M. C. Patterson, Mr. A. B. Jones, Misses Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, Miss Grey, Miss Satterfield, Miss Viginia Tyson, Cantain Morion Dimmock, Miss Whitfield, Mrs. John D. Clothier, Miss Mamie Baughman and others.

DUAL PERSONALITY CLAIMED FOR WOOD

(Py Associated Press.)
SOMERVILLE, N. J., May 15.—Peculiar interest attaches to the case of George H. Wood, charged with the murder of George Williams on February 2, whose trial began to-day, by reason of the unique character of the defense which

Counsel for Wood will endeavor to sho Counsel for Wood will endeavor to show that he was mentally irresponsible when he shot Williams, while not being insane in the ordinary sense. Their contention will be that Wood was afflicted with a form of impairment causing him to have a dual personality which resulted at times in the commission of abnormal actions in innocence of any wrongful intent, and that it was while in such a condition that he killed Williams, retaining no recollection of what he had done when his other personality was dominant. The other personality was dominant. ution contends that Wood is some

COMMITS SUICIDE ON

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, May 15 .- Peter Lydell, gunner's mate on the battleship Alabama, lying at the Brooklyn navy yard, committed suicide after going on board the vessel to-day. Lyell had been in the service for twenty-four years, and was fifty-four years old. He was given shore leave on Sunday, and when he returned to the ship to-day he was severely reprimanded by one of the officers. This seemed to depress him, and he told one of his friends that he did not think he would live long. Shortly afterward a shot was heard in the ordnance room, and Lyell was found dead on the floor, with a bullet wound in his heart from a revolver, which lay by his side. Lyell is said to have a wife and family in Bremen, Germany. gunner's mate on the battleship Alabama

Skinner's Engagement.

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Otis Skinner will appear at the Academy to-morrow, mathnea and night, in his unique new footlight creation, that of the title role of 'The Harvester.'

This scholarly and graceful portrayer of poetle and romantic roles seems, to Judgo from all the praise he has received during the highly successful run of the play in the metropolis, to have the best role of his stage career in this latest characterization of its gypsy-spirited hero. The piece (an adaptation of that famous French stage masterplece, 'Le Chemineau,' of Jean Richepin) affords him the delightful opportunity of running a versatile gamut from debonair comedy to fantastic humor and from romantic fervor of love-making to pathetic moments of true heartenotion. 'The Harvester' is a happy-go-licky wanderer, or roamer, from harvest field to harvest field in picturesque French Canada, and symbolizes the wander-spirit which is instinct in the universul breast of humanity.

This "drama of the fields" has been styled by the late Francisque Sarcey, the greatest of all modern French critics, as 'a dramatic ldyl of the golden wheat fields, full of the beauty of sylvan charm, with types like those simplehearted peasant tillors of the soil glorined by Millet in his famous painting of The Angelus.

A strikingly curious feature of the play is that in which the harvester frightens the superstitious selgneur by his gypsy magic, being luckly aided by a timely inunderstorm. This scene is a remarkable blending of humorous comedy with aimost Mephistophiean affects.

The cast promises notable players, including as it does such expert actors and actresses as Lizzle Hudson Coller, Paula Gloy, Marion Abbott, J. M. Colville, Waiter Lowis and George Clarks.

BRIGHT TALKS TO YOUNG MEN

Enjoyable Reunion Held a the Y. M. C. A. Building.

EVENING COLLEGE CLASSES

Successful Students Receive Diplomas and Distinctions.

The hall of the Young Men's Christian Association was a scene of much enjoyment last night.

Esriy in the evening the alumni of the Evening College of the Association, assembled with their friends for the annual reunion and supper. The reception was held in the parlors at 6:30, and white music by the Mandolin and Guitar Club was enjoyed the people got acquainted with each other and had a pleasant social time. At about 7 o'clock, an elegant supper was served by the woman's committee, and after the menu had been disposed of, the speaking commenced.

Mr. W. D. Duke, who made an excellent toastmaster, first introduced Mr. John Stewart Bryan, who responded to the toast: "Getting Ready." Mr. Bryan addressed himself to the young men, and with humorous passages interspersed Esri; in the evening the alumni of the

with humorous passages interspersed here and there, his remarks, dwelt se-riosuly and earnestly upon the linworld's history than right now, and the for all that is worth having in life, can get himself ready. Mr. Bryan said further that in whatever other respect a man might fall to accomplish his purposes, there was no reason for fallure in an ef-fort to reach the spiritual goal. It is in the power of everybody and every man to get ready for this.

The Mayor Speaks.

The next speaken was Mayor Carlton McCarthy, who responded to the toast "In the Race." After a few humorous remarks, almed mainly at the other two speakers, the Mayor declared he had no respect for the may be a marked the speakers. espect for the man who enters the rac simply for the pleasure of beating some simply for the pleasure of beating some-body elso. The only kind of a race to run is one to which you are called by duty to your fellow man and to your God, that race which must needs end in glorious ammortality with God.

he faithfully performs his duty day by day to man and to God and transacts his day to man and to God and transacts his business for the good of his fellow man and for the glory of God," "I have actually come to believe that a man can serve his people and his God by running a newspeper, and I do believe in my heart a man may serve the Lord in discounting paper." These side shots at the other two speakers in brought. other two speakers brought down the house. The speaker's wholesome advice to young men just entering the race of house. The speaker's wholesome advice to young men just entering the race of life was in a serious strain and was well

Mr. Branch Responds.

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Mr. John P. Branch responded to the toast, "The Goal" He started out with the statement that most things worth accomplishing in this life can be accomplished provided you have three things: Character, health and perseverance. On these three points the speaker dwelt and used for illustration men and events that had come under his own observation in his long business career. He portrayed the value of character in earnest words and argued that a young man has it largely in his own power to regulate his health.

The young graduates who leaves the high school or the college with all the honors there conferred sometimes thinks he knows it all, and does not learn until it is too late that he is just commencing the battle of life that he must win by perseverance or not at all. He told the story of an old Scotch-Irish morchant of Petersburg, who came from Scotland when a mere lad and brought his religion with him. He entered a store with no heater tow than that of sweeping out the

clared that the boys of the Young atense Christian Association can in time, by all pulling in the right direction, move this town and all the surrounding country for the better. Mr. Branch was cheered heartily when he said that the Young Mon's Christian Association had outgrown its present quarters and that they must and will have a new and larger building. The speeches were interspersed with music.

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At the conclusion of the speaking the company was invited to the association hall to attend the commencement exercises of the Evening College. The attendance upon these exercises was not as large as it would have been but for the rain storm that came just at the time for starting to the hall.

Mr. O. A. Hawkins presided and Dr. W. R. L. Smith offered prayer. From the report of Mr. E. N. Newman, chairman of the Educational Committee, which was read, it appears that the enrollment for the session just closed was; Seniors, 123; juniors, 199; total, 32. This is an increase over the previous term of fifty per cent. The report takes note of great improvement, along all lines of the work, and speaks enthusiastically of the wholesome influence exerted over the school by, the Young Men's Christian Association itself and by the instructors, all of whom are Christian men.

The Education Movement.

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Dr. S. C. Mitchell, of Richmond College, delivered the address. His theme was the present educational movement in Virginia; and the South. This movement, he declared is due to the fact that the Southern people have waked up to a realization that they have great things to accomplish and they have great things to accomplish and they have development, antional integration and realized adjustment which being interpreted mean the building up of the South Agriculturally and industrially, the real and true union of all sections of this glorious country and the biotting out of all ill feeling between sections and the proper settlement of the race problem. The school, the rural school, largely, is the plyot upon which all this must turn. On these themes the doctor made an able and earnest address.

Diplomas and Distinctions.

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retary McKee made a few closing remaks and the interesting exercises were closed with the singing of "America." by the au-dience. The mandelin and guitar club furnished music during the exercises.

SEVEN MOTORBOATS IN RACE; ALL SANK

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch and New York Herald.)

(Conyright, by the New York Herald Co.)

TOULON, May 15.—It is difficult to imagine the joy and relief feit at Toulon this morning when a dispatch from Cagliari (Sardini) announced the safe arrival of the destroyer Arbalete, with the crew of the Quand-Mememe on board. It is now definitely known that no lives has been lost in this remarkable Alglers-Toulon race.

All seven of the boats probably have gone to the bottom, but naturally this is considered a secondary matter, in view of the fact that the crews have been

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Summer Meeting at Memphis.

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MEMPHIS TEDN., May 15.—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the new Memphis Jockey Club to-day, it was decided to hold a summer meeting at Montgomery Park, dates for which ware nilotted at a recent meeting of the Western Jockey Club. The meeting will the State of the Western Jockey Club. The meeting will the State of the Western Jockey Club. The meeting will open Saturday, June 17th, and continue nineteen days. No purse less than \$400 will be offered and for the opening day, a thousand dollar handleap will be the attraction. On the Fourth of July, no event will have a value less than \$1,009. Fifty thousand dollars in all will be distributed in purses and stakes during the nineteen days.

MUST DIE ON GALLOWS.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., May 15.—A special to the Advertiser from Prattville, Ala., says that the jury in the case of Will Stondemir, who shot and instantly killed his father-in-law for alleged interference in family affairs, returned a verdict of guilty in the first degree, and the accused was sentenced to hang June 29th.

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(By Associated Press.)

ATHENS, GA., May 15.—Claude Elder, one of the negroes who has been lin still in Watkinsville since the Holbrook double murder a few nights ago, has made a confession, in which he implicates, Ronald Aycock, a white farmer, Robbery was the motive ascribed. Aycock was arrested at once by a committee of citizens.

Standard Oil Dividend.

(By Associated Press.)
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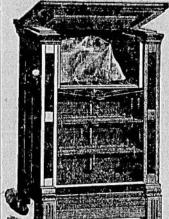
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GENERAL GOMEZ IS DANGEROUSLY ILL

(By Associated Press.) SANTIAGO, CUBA., May 15,—General SANTIAGO, CUBA., May 15.—General Maximo Gomez is dangerously ill with nephritis. The general's extreme age and the results of the many wounds he received in his campaigns for the liberation of Cuba complicate his trouble. He rulled from an operation for an abscess a week age, but suffered a reliapse vesterday. His family have been summoned and will arrive here to-morrow.

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